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Newark Municipal Council
Tax Abatement Committee
Donald Tucker – Chairman
Council Member – At – Large

Re: S.H.E. Urban Renewal Corporation / Tax Credit

From: Stephan T. Botoe – Acting President
Essex Plaza HUD Tenants Coalition
1060 Broad Street

Dear Chairman Tucker,

As is most often the case, we the residents of Essex Plaza I, have just become aware of S. H. E. (Sidney – Henkind Engle) Urban Renewal Association request for tax credit Resolution 7R – bi.

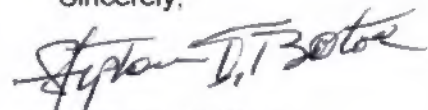
Mr. Chairman, the residents of 1060 Broad Street are opposed to the resolution based on the current policy of harassment and intimidation we have been experiencing at the hands of Kenneth Pagano of Essex Plaza Management Corporation.

We are advising you that S.H.E. Urban Renewal Association, is an affiliate of Essex Plaza Management Corporation and we are currently embroiled in a bitter battle with Pagano over our "Right to Organize". He has refused to allow the residents use of the buildings community room for tenant meetings, which is in violation of the HUD Agents Handbook (4350.3).

The bases for this harassment is Pagano's refusal to recognize tenant demands to have an organization that is financially and politically independent from Essex Plaza Management Associates.

Mr. Chairman we pray that 7R-BI be tabled until a meeting be held to discuss these issues before you and members of the committee.

Sincerely,


Stephan T. Botoe

Cc: Gayle Chaneyfield Jenkins
Luis Quintana
Bessie Walker
Frank Hutchins
Tax Abatement Policy Review Committee